

Whereas Peel District School Board has a Regional Learning Choice program with specialty schools, that do not offer transportation to students.

Whereas students attending those schools often have to be driven to them, or parents need to spend thousands of dollars a year for private busing.

Whereas often summer school is needed most by marginalized students, and PDSB does not provide transportation to them.

Whereas switching schools is often adversely impacts a student's education, yet no transportation is provided for them.

Whereas the lack of transportation support can constitute a significant equity barrier for marginalized students.

Whereas transit passes would empower students with greater freedom and access to things like sports programs, libraries, and community centres, which particularly benefits all students, particularly marginalized students.

Whereas 70% of households in Brampton contain children.

Whereas if students get used to taking transit in school, they are more likely to persist taking transit after graduation.

Therefore, the Brampton Transit Advisory Committee recommends:

1. That the City of Brampton collaborate with Peel District School Board, other relevant school boards, and the Region of Peel to provide transit passes with students in relevant categories, especially high school students.
2. That if feasible, a pilot begin for the 2022-2023 year, with pilot schools being Turner Fenton Secondary School and Central Peel Secondary School.